

**MPO RESOLUTION # 26-03**

**RESOLUTION SELECTING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE  
FOR THE MIAMI-MIAMI BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR  
(BAY LINK) PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) has been established and charged with the responsibility and duty of fulfilling the aforementioned functions, and

WHEREAS, the TPC has reviewed and analyzed the results of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Miami-Miami Beach Transportation Corridor (Bay Link) Project, and

WHEREAS, over 90 public and agency meetings have been held as part of the Bay Link Study, meeting all federal requirements, and

WHEREAS, based on the DEIS results, the TPC supports a bi-directional, double track light rail transit (LRT) system, and

WHEREAS, the TPC recognizes that a locally preferred alternative (LPA) is needed to proceed into the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) phase of project development consistent with federal requirements, and

WHEREAS, the MPO's Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) supports the advancement of a LRT system for the Bay Link project, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami has endorsed the concept of a bi-directional, double track LRT loop system for the downtown Miami segment of the Bay Link project, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach has endorsed the concept of bi-directional loop streetcar system for the Miami Beach segment of the Bay Link project with a number of requests, and

WHEREAS, a streetcar constitutes a light rail vehicle type, and

WHEREAS, the LPA requires the identification of a preferred technology and general route alignment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:**

**SECTION 1:** That a bi-directional, double-track light rail transit (LRT)/streetcar system connecting downtown Miami and South Miami Beach via MacArthur Causeway with a loop configuration within the respective urban core areas is hereby adopted as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Bay Link project.

**SECTION 2:** That the MPO Secretariat is directed to work with the appropriate entities to positively address the various requests contained in the City of Miami Beach's Bay Link LPA resolution to the maximum extent possible as work on the project advances.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Manuel A. Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jose Smith, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	-	nay	Board Member Raul L. Martinez	-	aye
Board Member Joe J. Celestin	-	absent	Board Member Jimmy L. Morales	-	nay
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-	absent	Board Member Dennis C. Moss	-	aye
Board Member Manuel A. Diaz	-	aye	Board Member Dorrin Rolle	-	absent
Board Member Betty T. Ferguson	-	aye	Board Member Natacha Seijas	-	aye
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson	-	aye	Board Member Darryl K. Sharpton	-	absent
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-	absent	Board Member Jose Smith	-	aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-	absent	Board Member Katy Sorenson	-	absent
Board Member William H. Kerdyk	-	absent	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-	aye
Board Member M. Ronald Krongold	-	aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-	aye
Board Member Joe A. Martinez	-	absent	Chairperson Barbara M. Carey-Shuler	-	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 25th day of September, 2003.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
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By    
Jose-Luis Mesa  
MPO Secretary

